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**PATENT**

**REMARKS**

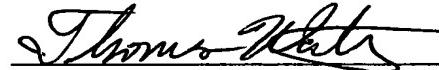
Claims 1-44 are pending. In the Restriction Requirement, dated March 7, 2006, claims 1-44 were restricted into the following two groups:

I. Claims 1-19 and 27-44, drawn to a database maintenance, classified in class 707, subclass 200.

II. Claims 20-26, drawn to allocation based on the transactions, classified in class 707, subclass 205.

In consideration of the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I consisting of Claims 1-19 and 27-44 for further prosecution at this time. This election is made without traverse, and no representations are made by this election concerning the merits of the Restriction Requirement with respect to the possible existence of multiple distinct inventions among the originally present claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of all non-elected claims in one or more related applications. Applicants respectfully request and earnestly solicit early allowance of all pending elected claims.

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